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Kim Sordyl belongs on the State School Board

Hello,

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to House Bill 4013, introduced by Rep. Doherty. In a country with education that lags against other "first-world" countries, and a state that lags compared to the nation on many educational benchmarks, we need real education advocates like Kim Sordyl involved in our education system. Rep. Doherty's legislation is ridiculous and clearly targeting Kim Sordyl specifically.

Kim Sordyl has been a relentless, smart and passionate advocate for Oregon students, especially students at Portland Public Schools, the largest school district in Oregon. She wants a strong education system and justice for Oregon students. The dysfunction at PPS is wide spread and disheartening. Kim Sordyl was one of the few people who could clearly point out what the laws are, how children are supposed to be educated and how PPS was protecting administrators rather than serving students. She has single-handedly helped more students in Oregon in the past 5 years than any other person I'm aware of.

The Oregon Department of Education allows complacency to continue at the expense of our students. Oregon is an amazing state that should have some of the best educated and well-served students in the USA. It doesn't, and it hasn't for over 20 years. Kim Sordyl has no tolerance for people who prioritize their self serving interests over the welfare and education of our children. She is a breath of fresh air and we need more people like her. Rep. Doherty's motives with House Bill 4013 are highly questionable.

Thank you,

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